

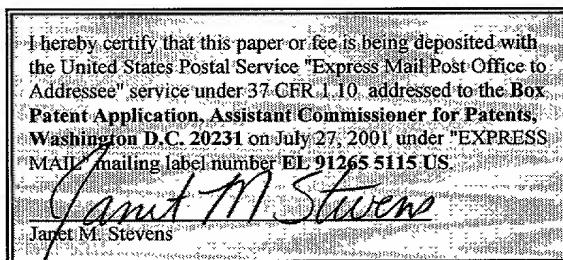
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Yukihisa Takeuchi, Koji Kimura and Nobuo Takahashi

Divisional of Application Serial No.: 09/435,191 filed November 5, 1999

For: MASK FOR SCREEN PRINTING, THE METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SAME AND CIRCUIT BOARD PRODUCED BY SCREEN PRINTING  
WITH SUCH MASK

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraphs in page 4, lines 2 - 13 with the following:

The present invention has been made taking such problems into consideration, an object of which is to provide a screen mask which makes it possible to obtain a gap between the pattern formed by one screen printing, the gap being not more than 40  $\mu$ m, and which makes it possible to form a fine pattern by using inexpensive screen printing.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a method for producing a screen mask with ease, in which the screen mask makes it possible to obtain a gap between the pattern formed by one screen printing, the gap being not more than 40  $\mu$ m.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-16 remain herein.

Attached hereto, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(ii), is a marked-up version of the specification paragraphs showing the changes being made.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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The present invention has been made taking such problems into consideration, an object of which is to provide a screen mask which makes it possible to obtain a gap between the pattern formed by one time of screen printing, the gap being not more than 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , and which makes it possible to form a fine pattern by using inexpensive screen printing.

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